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In re patent application of:
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COMPUTER AND SECURITY
METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2134

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2007, reconsideration of present claims 1-20 is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentably obvious over the Zdnet reference in view of the Cpa reference. The PTO is heard to state that Zdnet's teaching concerning remotely erasing data, combined with Cpa's teaching to use GPS technology for security purposes, would have led one of ordinary skill to the subject matter of all present claims. However, as will be show, the cited references could not have been combined in such as way as to render any of the present claims obvious.

Independent claim 1 (presently the sole independent claim) recites a computer that includes three elements: a processor; position determining means; and control means. The position determining means determine the location of the computer. The control means control the operation of the processor, for example by preventing operation of the processor or by issuing instructions to cause the processor to prevent operation of a hard drive or to erase some or all information contained on a hard drive. The control means in communication with the position determining means, and perform their controlling function in response to location information provided to it by the position determining means. Importantly, the computer itself carries out the control function, and thus secures itself, without the need for human intervention.